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SUBJECT: UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: ISRAEL/EUROPEAN REGION

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1. WE MET OCTOBER 19 WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (DE SELYS) AND CONVEYED US POSITION CONCERNING APPROACHES TO UNCOMMITTED UNESCO MEMBERS ON ISRAEL/EUROPEAN REGION ISSUE (REFTEL). DE SELYS SHOWED US EC-9 PRESIDENCY TELEGRAM FROM THE HAGUE PROPOSING DUTCH PRESIDENCY DEMARCHES IN NAME OF EC TO UNCOMMITTED UNESCO MEMBER COUNTRIES. DE SELYS TOLD US HE WOULD PASS OUR VIEWS TO DIRECTOR GENERAL DAVIGNON BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT BELGIUM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF NINE NOT MAKE SEPARATE DEMARCHES. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT A PRESIDENCY DEMARCHE ON

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BEHALF OF ALL EC-9 WAS "MUCH STRONGER" THAN INDIVIDUAL DEMARCHES AND

THAT AT A TIME WHEN EC POLITICAL COOPERATION WAS STILL IN FORMATIVE STAGE, IT WAS UNWISE TO COMBINE A PRESIDENCY INITIATIVE WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS' INITIATIVES. HE ADDED THAT TOO MANY DEMARCHES CAN OFTEN BECOME COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

2. DE SELYS SAID THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT BELGIUM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF NINE SUPPLEMENT PRESIDENCY ACTION BY MAKING APPROACHES ON ISRAEL/EUROPEAN REGION ISSUE TO POSSIBLE UNCOMMITTED UNESCO MEMBERS IN PARIS AND THEN AT NAIROBI MEETING. FIRESTONE

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